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1. PRESIDENT RENE'S ASSERTION (PER PARA 4, REF A)
THAT IT DIFFICULT "TO MAINTAIN DIRECT CONTACT WITH
KENYANS" BECAUSE KENYA WAS "ONE OF FEW OAU COUNTRIES
NOT TO HAVE RECOGNIZED HIS GOVERNMENT" IS AT VARIANCE
WITH KENYAN GOVERNMENT'S INTERPRETATION OF THEIR CURRENT
RELATIONS WITH SEYCHELLES.

2. AS REPORTED PARA 2, REF B, KENYAN GOVERNMENT PLANS
TO "CONTINUE RELATIONS WITH SEYCHELLES AS BEFORE".
NG'ANG'A TOLD DCM AT TIME THAT KENYAN GOVERNMENT HAD
DECIDED NO FORMAL ACT OF RECOGNITION NECESSARY (A POSITION
IDENTICAL TO OUR OWN) AND CONSIDERED THAT ITS RELATIONS WITH NEW
SEYCHELLES GOVERNMENT NOW FULLY NORMALIZED DESPITE LACK OF
AMBASSADORIAL ACCREDITATION. WE ASSUMED THAT HE HAD
MADE THIS POINT CLEAR IN MESSAGE SENT TO SEYCHELLES

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FOREIGN MINISTER SINON, BUT APPARENTLY THIS WAS NOT
THE CASE.

3. WHILE WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT DESIRABLE TO ESTABLISH
PATTERN OF BEING INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN SEYCHELLES AND
KENYA, CHAGE' MATTSON MAY WISH-IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS-
TO MAKE LOW KEY CLARIFICATION OF THIS MATTER IN COURSE

OF FUTURE CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT RENE ON OTHER
MATTERS.
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